IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 10 to 42 and 52 to 66 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 7, 43 to 49, 67 and 68 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing pay services over a network, comprising the steps of:

detecting a request for a designated pay service; and an upper limit of an amount to be paid for the designated pay service; and

detecting an upper limit of an amount designated by a user to be paid for the designated pay service; and

outputting information that represents a pay service other than the designated pay service which can be provided within the upper limit of the amount to be paid.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising a step of requesting provision of one of the designated pay service and the pay service that can be provided within the upper limit.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said outputting step includes a step of judging whether a binding service is provided within the upper limit.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing pay services over a network, comprising:

detecting means for detecting a request for a designated pay service and <u>for detecting</u> an upper limit of an amount <u>designated by a user</u> to be paid for the designated pay service; and

output means for outputting information that represents a pay service other than the designated pay service which can be provided within the upper limit of the amount to be paid.

5. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising requesting means for requesting provision of one of the designated pay service and the pay service that can be provided within the upper limit.

6. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said outputting means includes judging means for judging whether a binding service is provided within the upper limit.

7. (Currently Amended) A memory medium storing a program therein, the program comprising:

a step of detecting a request for a designated pay service ~~and an upper limit of an amount to be paid for the designated pay service~~; and

a step of detecting an upper limit of an amount designated by a user to be paid for the designated pay service; and

a step of outputting information that represents a pay service other than the designated pay service which can be provided within the upper limit of the amount to be paid.

8. (Original) A memory medium according to claim 7, further comprising a step of requesting provision of one of the designated pay service and the pay service that can be provided within the upper limit.

9. (Original) A memory medium according to claim 7, wherein said outputting step includes a step of judging whether a binding service is provided within the upper limit.

10. to 42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) A service providing ~~An accounting~~ apparatus ~~for performing accounting on provision of a predetermined service~~, comprising:

detecting ~~upper limit acquiring~~ means for detecting ~~acquiring~~ a basic service requested by a user and an upper limit of a charge ~~that is~~ entered by ~~a~~ the user for provision of services;

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determining means for determining ~~candidates for~~ a <u>plurality of additional</u> service<u>s</u> that can be provided within the upper limit of the charge; ~~and~~

output means for outputting information of the <u>plurality of additional</u> services ~~candidates~~ determined by the determining means<u>; and</u>

<u>providing means for providing the user with the basic service and at least one of the plurality of additional services as selected by the user.</u>

44. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 43, further comprising priority acquiring means for acquiring user-designated priority levels, wherein said determining means determines the ~~candidates for a~~ <u>plurality of additional</u> service<u>s</u> which can be provided within the upper limit of the charge according to the priority levels.

45. (Currently Amended) <u>A service providing</u> ~~An accounting~~ method ~~for performing accounting on provision of a predetermined service~~, comprising the steps of:

~~acquiring~~ <u>detecting</u> a basic service <u>requested by a user and</u> an upper limit of a charge ~~that is~~ entered by ~~a~~ <u>the</u> user <u>for provision of services</u>;

determining ~~candidates for~~ a <u>plurality of additional</u> service<u>s</u> that can be provided within the upper limit of the charge; ~~and~~

outputting information of the ~~candidates~~ <u>plurality of additional services</u> determined in the determining step<u>; and</u>

<u>providing the user with the basic service and at least one of the plurality of additional services as selected by the user.</u>

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46. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 45, further comprising a step of acquiring user-designated priority levels, wherein in said determining step, the ~~candidates for a~~ plurality of additional services that can be provided within the upper limit of the charge are determined according to the priority levels.

47. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium which stores a program for ~~performing accounting on provision of a predetermined service~~ providing a user with a service, the program comprising:

~~an acquiring~~ a detecting step ~~of acquiring~~ detecting a basic service requested by a user and an upper limit of a charge ~~that is~~ entered by ~~a~~ the user for provision of services;

a determining step of determining ~~candidates for~~ a plurality of additional services that can be provided within the upper limit of the charge; ~~and~~

an output step of outputting information of the plurality of additional services ~~candidates~~ determined in the determining step; and

a providing step of providing the user with the basic service and at least one of the plurality of additional services as selected by the user.

48. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium according to claim 47, wherein the program further comprises an acquiring step of acquiring priority levels ~~of set items which specify a setting for printing and~~ which are entered by a user, wherein the plurality of additional ~~candidates for a~~ services which can be

provided within the upper limit of the charge are determined according to the priority levels.

49. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing pay services over a network, comprising:

a detector that detects a request for a designated pay service and that detects an upper limit of an amount designated by a user to be paid for the designated pay service; and

an output device that outputs information that represents a pay service other than the designated pay service which can be provided within the upper limit of the amount to be paid.

50. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 49, further comprising a requesting device that requests provision of one of the designated pay service and the pay service that can be provided within the upper limit.

51. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 49, wherein said output device includes a judging device that judges whether a binding service is provided within the upper limit.

52. to 66. (Canceled)

67. (Currently Amended) ~~A service providing~~ <u>A service providing</u> ~~An accounting~~ apparatus ~~for performing accounting on provision of a predetermined service~~, comprising:

~~an upper limit acquiring~~ <u>a detecting</u> device that ~~acquires~~ <u>detects a basic service requested by a user and</u> an upper limit of a charge ~~that is~~ entered by a user <u>for provision of services</u>;

a determining device that determines ~~candidates for~~ a <u>plurality of additional</u> service<u>s</u> that can be provided within the upper limit of the charge; ~~and~~

an output device that outputs information of the ~~candidates~~ <u>plurality of additional services</u> determined by the determining device<u>; and</u>

<u>a providing device that provides the user with the basic service and at least one of the plurality of additional services as selected by the user</u>.

68. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising a priority acquiring device that acquires user-designated priority levels, wherein said determining device determines the ~~candidates for a~~ <u>plurality of additional</u> service<u>s</u> which can be provided within the upper limit of the charge according to the priority levels.